Uncle Sam: Detective

Agency, the Bureau of Information, U. S. Dep't

Berliner turned to his caller,

"Young Mr. Detective," he said, ur-

for our acquaintance to develop fur-

tives and close friends. The postman

Sarennts are aware of a de

parture. Tickets must be bought.

of calls are equally confusing, but

failed in this case, and chance first

pointed the way. The goddess of co-

incidence made her appearance in a

modest motion picture theater where

"By the Lord Harry!" suddenly ex-

"I wonder," soliloquized Gard,

"what those two men said to each

Then he thought of Jane Gates, the

"The Lily Mald might read the lips

actors," he thought. "They are right

easier.

By WILLIAM ATHERTON DU PUY

The Elusive Fugitive

to find him, it would appear that all I see. There must have been some the same time, be its very prettiest it and barely reached the ground floor returned to the agency that had forthe advantage was with the fugitive. mistake." Particularly would this seem to be high degree of intelligence and is banely, "your work is a bit amateur- fact that a fugitive must eat and the case when the man in flight is of a thoroughly informed as to the meth- ish. May I present you with your sleep is a great help to a detective. ods that will be employed in the pur- hat? I trust there will be no occasion All the hotels in a city may be can- The two officers waited in instant

Yet the detective who knows his ther," business and who sticks to the trail The case against Berliner did not suburbs that a gray-haired man of dismonth after month nearly always come to a crisis immediately. It was tinction had passed a week. He had among the passengers, turns up his man. He may do this by two months later that the customs been gone nine days. Yes, he had a following out, one after another, the agents reported that he was gone and trunk. The porter knew that it had get off?" the boy was asked. probabilities in the case. There is that they had evidence that he had gone to a certain station. The ticket almost no man who will refrain from long resorted to undervaluing the im- agent thought he remembered selling performing some one of those every- ports of his clients. By getting an the man whose picture was shown him the house detective, "and I will get day actions that it is but natural he article through the customhouse at a ticket to Chicago. Dave White was back to the third." should take. There is almost no man less than its value, he would defraud the conductor on the train to that who will flee without leaving a trail the government of just the difference point on the day in question and rebehind him. If he is the criminal between the amount paid and the membered the gray-haired man. genius who succeeds in doing all these amount that should have been paid. things, there is the element of chance But this money was not saved for his The fugitive had been at the Audi- on that floor who had seen the fugition that will put the vigilant sleuth charged the full amount due and the porters were unable to recall any of for possible exits, and then instituted mained locked. The mistress had on his track. For there are many broker pocketed the difference. There the details of his going away. The a thorough search. He investigated stated that it was a storage room. pulses upon which the detective finger was evidence that the government had special agent asked to see the room every possible avenue of escape and This seemed somewhat strange, as it may rest long after the criminal gets lost \$100,000 through these operato feel so secure as to become care- tions sleuths of the federal government, broker he was assigned to the capture cessor of the fugitive and was given was well gone over. The gray-haired that such a room should be used for trade. whose instructions are never to aban- of the fugitive. He set about the task permission to search the room. A fugitive had, however, eluded pursuit. don the pursuit of an escaped crimi- methodically.

liner, for instance. He was a prince There was a wife and brother to begin terhead that had been torn into small done. a cosmopolitan, one who knew detectatching that every man will commutation of the picture of another of which was of any avail, as Berliner tive methods, a man with money. He nicate with some one of his relatives had a month the start of Billy Gard or intimates. It is not human nature of the federal department of justice, to break off every tie. Against the He knew that the special agent was possibility of this fugitive writing after him. He appreciated the danger Gard established a close watch over of a long term in prison if he were the mail of each of the fugitive's rela-

Would you think, under the circum- who delivered mail to each was given stances, that the detective in the case samples of Berliner's handwriting. could make sufficient splash among was instructed to report the arrival of the tides of humanity that surge any letter that might be suspected of around a great world to disturb the coming from him, to have tracings tranquillity of Berliner? Let us see made of its envelope, to note its posthow the case developed.

mark, before it was delivered. Gard had the advantage of having But a month passed and no suspigot a "spot on" Berliner. That is to clous letter arrived. say, he had seen him. Berliner was a | In the meantime every possibility of customs broker. His business was to getting directly on the trail was exact as agent for American purchasers hausted. Even in a great city like and European dealers. He knew his New York it is difficult for anybody Europe and he knew New York. The to take a train without having fixed details of customs regulations and du- the attention of somebody else. An exties to be paid were an open book to pressman must be called to get a him. He spoke many languages and trunk to the station. A taxicab may had customers among the wealthiest people in America.

It was when a mere suspicion arose | Conductors on trains must take up as to the fidelity with which he was those tickets. paying his duties that Billy Gard, on It is a tedious task to interview in some pretext, went to see him. A numerable expressmen and ask each large, upstanding, white-haired man if he had had a summons from a cerhe was-unusually handsome and tain apartment. The taxicab records

dominant. "May I ask," said Gard, "if you each may be traced to a driver and think table linens of good quality could that individual may be questioned. be procured from Ireland within six Every ticket seller in a city may be weeks? My sister is opening an es- seen in a day or two, the photograph tablishment at that time and is not of the man wanted may be shown and satisfied with the offerings here."

"Who is your sister?" asked Ber- the fugitive is of striking appearance, liner, rather more directly than a cus- as was Berliner, the chances of his betomer would expect to be questioned ing remembered are increased. If the

"Mrs. Jonathan Mculton," said the special agent glibly, giving the name of a woman friend. "She lives in

Seventy-second street." "Do you mind if I call her for a confirmation of your inquiry?" said the

broker, still noncommittal, "Such a request is not usually addressed to a prospective customer,"

said Gard, appearing a bit nettled, "but I have no objection whatever."

As a matter of fact the special throngs of people. agent was very much disconcerted. He had foreseen the possibility of having to use the name of some individual who might afterward be called foreground. I have been looking for upon to verify the genuineness of his him for a month." interest in linens. Mrs. Mculton was a good friend who would be entirely the moment when the station was willing to help him in a little decep- most crowded to make his getaway. tion of this sort, but he had not as Oblivious to the presence of the moyet coached her as to the part she tion picture operator, he had stopped might be called upon to play. He had for a moment to say good-by to anthought there would be plenty of time other man, his brother, as Gard later if it became necessary to iden- thought. The two had spoken a few tify the supposed customer. But Ber- words and parted. liner was evidently suspicious of bright young men who called upon him. He evidently knew that he was other." under investigation. Gard's particular hope, if the broker insisted on call- Lily Maid, the deaf copyist at herding his alleged sister, was that he quarters, the cameo-faced girl, best would find that she was not at home. loved of the special agents.

But luck was not with him. Mrs. Moulton herself answered the tele- of those unconscious motion picture "May I ask," said the broker, "If you out in front."

will give me the name of the young man whom you have commissioned to got a half-holiday and she and Gard a local stopping at all floors. The exbuy linens for you?"

was put, Gard realized, gave Mrs way detracted from her enjoyment eighth floor while its operator gave liable men who could watch with him possession; had, with the aid of his Moulton no intimation of the situation. He knew she was sufficiently clever to be entirely noncommittal if foreground, who, fortunately, were passenger. The cars were of an openthe broker had mentioned his name.

True stories of the Greatest Federal Detective

of Justice. 3

ing. "I shall not write." "But how shall we know of your whereabouts?" the brother asked. "You will not know. I take no chances," was the answer. "But where are you going?" "First to Montreal, eventually to

out hearing.

in peace." This much of the talk of the brothturn for three performances thorough-

'Send Margaret to London in three

ly confirmed the conversation. "You are the best detective on the force," Gard told the deaf girl with his lips, thereby making her very happy, for she was full of the enthusiasm of the service.

"But more remarkable than this," he continued, watching for the flush girl."

on the cold trail in Montreal. The other car. vassed and are likely to yield results.

close examination of it developed but | Gard immediately called upon the locked up.

repeated them in the hollow tones of the other as they passed. As the ex- day and remained not more than four those who have learned to talk with- press passed Gard looked through at hours, no living creature entered the without Archie," Berliner was saying. months," the customs broker was saylaid it on his man had nothing intervened. Berliner faced him and, as the car paused, he and the special Europe. There I will hide and live agent gazed directly into the eyes of each other. This was for but an instant and both cars were in motion ers was definitely made out. A re- again. The detective was being borne rapidly toward the top of the building pose. Incidentally he found that she not have been possible." and the fugitive less rapidly toward the ground.

"There is my man on the other elevator," Gard whispered hurriedly to the house detective. "Have the boy reverse and run down again."

The message was given to the operator, who obeyed instantly and some A position that paid much better was When one individual in a great | "You have authorized no one to buy of pink which such sallies always excuse was made to the passengers on world goes forth secretively to hide for you?" the broker was saying. "You drew to her cheeks, "is that the best the car. The local had been stopping It was, quite naturally, accepted. That detective in the great city should, at at each floor and the express passed first. There the two detectives stepped The next day the special agent was out and waited for the coming of the entirely satisfactory. She asked for a the situation that existed on the out-

A moment later it arrived, much crowded, and began to disgorge itself. readiness to capture the man whom It was at a little family hostelry in the they had seen at the eighth floor. But nected with the Paris police depart and a very tedious fugitive case was

> "Where did the big gray-haired man "Third floor, sir," he replied.

"You bar the exits," Gard said to

On that floor the hallman said that In Chicago the trail grew warmer. followed, but was able to find no one That individual was torium but four days earlier, but the tive. He ran hastily about looking in the rear of the suite which re-Berliner had occupied. It was occu- hastened downstairs to his ally to help pied by another guest, but Gard was cut off the line of retreat. Every pos- and therefore be the most attractive Because Gard had seen the customs allowed to explain himself to the suc- sible barrier was put up and the house

The special agent diligently searched one clue. Sticking inside a waste Chicago police to throw out a dragnet There is the case of Alexander Ber- out every one of Berliner's intimates. basket were three fragments of a let- and a general alarm, and this was of frauds, a man of exceptional ability, with. It is the A, B, C of fugitive pieces. One of these fragments watched with particular care. None



"YOUNG MR. DETECTIVE, YOUR WORK IS A BIT AMATEURISH."

ed to a certain window.

Gard and a friend were killing a bit of time. Among the reels shown was ture of the hotel to a traveler's guide trace of him nor a suggestion as to president to New York. It began with and searched for the house that would where he might have gone. compare with it. Eventually he found | It was a task of infinite patience the arrival at the station, among claimed the special agent. "Would you pipe that gray-haired gent in the It was Berliner. He had chosen an of thirty-five. She had been care- absolute seclusion. fully watched for a reason that presently developed.

"Has she received any callers? asked the special agent.

"But one person, a man, has visited ner," answered the house detective.

room now." "Will you go up with me immediately?" ejaculated the special agent. "I must not fail to see this man."

"Assuredly," was the response,

and they caught the next elevator. and was not to stop until it reached apartments opposite looked cut upon Margaret Berliner to the house when So it happened that the deaf typ'st the eleventh floor. The next to it was the street. He determined that nospent it at the picture show, where press, going up with the detectives being observed. He asked the Paris had rented it. From that moment he her lack of the sense of hearing in as aboard, slackened its speed at the police to provide him with two re had watched every detail of her taking The scene at the station came on. some message to the boy on the local in shifts from the quarters he rented men, seen everything that had gone Gard pointed out the two men in the which had stopped there to take on a across the street. foreground, who, fortunately, were passenger. The cars were of an open-facing the machine. The deaf girl work structure and the passengers in lutely nothing. With the exception But Berliner was too shrewd for this. picked their words from their lips and one could see quite plainly those on of the servant who came at noon each time

hotel. An arrow, drawn in ink, point- was never reported to have been seen again in Chicago. Nor was Gard able Gard took the fragments of the pic- to get so much as the glimmer of a

the duplicate, and it was a Chicago that brought Special Agent William H. suits and the lockstep which are part hostelry. He hurried to it. After Gard to London two months later on showing his credentials to the house the trail of a woman whom he had this. And here I have you. I am quite detective, information was freely sup- traced half around the world. The plied. The room in question was oc- Titian-haired guest of the Chicago hocupied by a woman and had been so tel, the wife of the fugitive broker, occupied for two weeks. She was a here installed herself for a while and ing watched," said the weman. "I alhandsome and stylish red-haired wom- lived in a manner that amounted to

Then she went to Paris. There she "A large man with gray hair," said world and sought quiet. She went out can steal away in safety." the house detective. "He is in her for a long walk every afternoon, pur chased the necessities of her establish-

to read great numbers. Special Agent Gard established a all the time." close watch over the house in which she lived. This was easy because

those riding on the other car. Imagine house. In all that two weeks the post- "A man in a position like mine needs, his consternation when, not two feet man left no mail. Billy Gard seemed upon occasion, someone he can trust from him, he saw the man for whom to be up against a blank wall. He to do little things for him. We may he had been searching for months, held, however, that if a man kept quarrel with blood relatives all our As he gazed through the checked steel awake on the most hopeless job for a lives, but they have the advantage of slats of the car side he was close sufficient length of time some clue was being safe to trust in time of trouble. enough to have put out his hand and sure to develop or some idea present It is a very small thing to send a man

had secured her place through an em- It was because of what he here over use of this information.

second maid.

who was sent was, in secret, more down. ment and was a detective of some brought to a successful conclusion. cleverness. Almost immediately she took up her new activities.

Three days later she reported to Agent Gard from America. She had found in her red-haired mistress a woman who led a quiet life that seemed in no way irregular, who followed a normal routine of housekeep ing, walking, shopping. She seemed to have no acquaintances. But one thing irregular appeared in the whole establishment. There was one room must look out upon the interior court

Gard put together the two factsin the sunny little dining room just of the special agent.

woman of the Titian hair, passing jewelry they were going to make. back and forth about the room, then

the observer of this ultra quiet house-

"Well, Margaret," said a full-throated man's voice, as transmitted by the dictagraph, "this is not so bad. I never dreamed that you had the housewifely instincts that would make it possible for you to arrange with your own hands the dainty dinners we are having. I am beginning to think that the man is lucky who cannot afford

"And don't you know," said a woman's voice, "I never enjoyed anything more in my life. For almost the only time I can remember I have a definite occupation. I have to provide our creature comforts. I haven't been so happy in years. I really don't care how long they keep us cooped up."
"I will confess," said the man,

"that the novelty has worn off of the view into the courtyard. But it might be worse. For a while they had me thinking quite regularly of striped of a life even more confining than content to wait for the atmosphere to clear.

"But I am very sure we are still beways feel that I am being followed when I go cut.'

"Very likely," said the man. "But took rooms in a quiet side street and no detective will pursue fruitless seemed to settle down with some idea | quests indefinitely. Even though they of permanence. There was nothing in know you are here, they will ultiher mode of life that would indicate mately lose interest in a surveillance that she lived differently from any that yields nothing. We can afford "What sort of a man?" asked Gard. other woman who was alone in the to wait. The time will come when we

"When it is all over," she respondment or books, of which she seemed way to let those detectives know that you were here under their very noses

Billy Gard, it may here be set down was most anxious to learn how this The car they took was an express there was but a front entrance and had been possible. He had followed been notified immediately when she guised as a farmband." stalled himself without his knowledge and had been living there all the to accomplish the feat are getting

"It would have been impossible itself that would lead toward results. to a rent agent for a key to inspect Gard investigated the maid who lodgings and to send him back with worked the daily short shift in the the key after they are inspected. But quarters of the red-haired woman from | had I not been able to trust Archie ab-America. He found her a placid and solutely I would not have been able stupid creature who knew nothing nor to get in here a day ahead of you and had intelligence sufficient for his pur- this snug little arrangement would

ployment agency located at a consid- heard that Special Agent Gard, assisterable distance. He immediately made ed by Coleman of the Paris office and the police of that city, considerately The special agent, through the waited until Mrs. Berliner went shop-Paris police force, secured the co- ping the following day and were adoperation of the employment bureau. mitted by the woman detective, who was at the time washing the accumuoffered to the servant of Mrs. Berliner. lated dishes of the household. They so surrounded the locked door as to lady, finding herself without a servant, make escape impossible and then announced their presence. Gard told merly provided her with one who was Berliner, through the locked door, of side. He suggested that the easiest The employment bureau immediate- way was to unboit the entrance, therely supplied her demand. The woman by saving the necessity of breaking it Whereupon the customs than she seemed to be. She was con- broker walked out and surrendered,

JEWELERS USED GOLD COINS

How Government Stopped Practice of Converting Money Into Articles of Adornment.

New York.-There are few things more interesting to the average student of business matters than the odds and ends that often crop up in conversation with veterans of the manufacturing or wholesaling trades when found in a reminiscent mood. It was erosity and gentleness which was her in such a mood that a reporter found Julius Wediska the other afternoon. Mr. Wodiska, who is a manufacturer ful. room of them all. It seemed peculiar of jewelry, is widely known in the It may have been the recent rise in

iridium or it may have been the recent heavy shipment of gold to this country, or both, that caused Mr. Wodthe servant—and drew a conclusion. iska to tell how the United States not grow well under it. The most It was as the result of this conclusion government stopped some forty-odd satisfactory fruit tree is almost oppothat he asked the woman detective to years ago the melting up of \$20 gold site this in general characteristics. It install a dictagraph beneath the table Pieces in order to use the metal in the manufacture of gold jewelry. In off the apartment of the locked door, those days it was the custom of many This was easy of accomplishment dur- of the jewelry makers to use these ing the hour of the afternoon stroll of coins instead of buying fine gold, as a the mistress of the house. The wires matter of convenience. So they went of the dictagraph were run across the to a bank and got \$20 gold pieces street and into the watch tower rooms enough, or \$10 ones, for that matter, to supply the sufficient metal for the When the dinner hour approached work in hand. The gold pieces being that evening Billy Card sat patiently 22 karats fine, 24 karats being absorbed with the headpiece of the dictagraph lutely pure gold, it was not difficult securely in place. The first sound that for the jewelers to melt them up and he caught from across the street was add the necessary alloys to produce that of feet, supposedly those of the the degree of fineness desired for the

"However," related Mr. Wodiska, "it an occasional snatch of a song while was not long after this practice beshe worked. He gathered that she came more or less general that the was arranging for the evening meal, government authorities began to wonthe servant having gone home hours der what was becoming of the \$20 gold coles. They began missing the came over the wire a sound that of the former was by far the more pect should not be the sole consideramight have been a bit surprising to rapid. The officials did not think that tion. ele of the country were hoardhold, the watcher at the entrance ing the gold, because most of the small designed houses marred by bays so through which none had passed un- her coins remained in circulation. So placed as to have a detached appearseen since the day it was rented, had a quiet investigation was begun, and ance. A bay, to be right, must seem not the listener already developed a it was not long before it was discov- to have grown to the side of the house. ered that the makers of gold jewelry

which is not altogether unlike black attractive. emery in the crude state, requires a | The two-story bay requires skillful heat of 3,542 degrees Fahrenheit to bandling; otherwise it becomes an apmelt it. In the degree of heat required pendage most inharmonious. It should for this purpose it is only second to correspond to the exterior finish of the rhodium, which needs a temperature houses. A successful treatment for of 3,632 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce bays of this description is to extend it to a liquid state. Gold, on the the main roof out over the bay. other hand, can be melted at 1,913 degrees Fahrenheit. From this it is easy plish a pleasing interior treatment by to see that the unsuspecting manufac- grouping windows at the corner of a turer, melting up gold pieces at the room, thus giving to the room the eftemperature required, got a number fect of a bay, yet interfering in no way of unmelted specks of iridium in his with the exterior design. metal when he let it cool. This made trouble when the metal was worked

"At the time this was being done there was a great vogue of fine Etrus- dead and ne'er did once he lift his can work in solid gold, which required hand to push his town shead. He a perfectly smooth surface in order cursed and swore with all his mightto be produced properly. Imagine the such a town he ne'er did see-the dismay of the jewelers, therefore, times were dull, the stores were bum, when they found the much-needed as bum as bum could be. And so he smooth surface dotted here and there sat from early morn, each bright and with little pepperlike specks of iridi- happy day, and croaked and croaked um. To leave them in meant that the with all his might till the summer decorative work could not be done passed away. And then one night properly, and to take them out meant leaving the piece pockmarked with tiny holes. It was not long before last and closed his eyes upon his earththe gold pieces, whether they contained iridium or not, were eyed with other shore-the city bright and fair, suspicion by the manufacturers, who It was no good, 'twas dull and dead, he ed, "I do wish that we could find a then secured their metal from other ne'er would enter there! And since

> Livery of Toll. "I suppose your boy Josh is too

proud to put on everalls?" "No, he ain't," replied Farmer Corntossel. "He put on overalls the other she had first come to see it. He had evening an' went to a masquerade dis- ties of San Bernardino, Cm., specifies

"Do yes think he public enjoys be-

ing humougged?" "Possibly," replied Senstor Sorghum. "But the people who are smart enough scarcer every year."



BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME PLACE

It Doesn't Cost Much But Adus a Great Deal to Value of Property-Some Shade-Tree Advice.

Beautifying the home place is one of the pleasures and duties of every home lover. Homes that do not reflect in some way the better natures of their owners are not what they should be. Home is the place where we spend the most important part of our lives. Homes that are not comforting to the tired home-maker have lost all their charm and usefulness. Homes should be made beautiful to the eyes as well as comforting to the body and nerves. If you will look about you the homes that are the best in appearance are homes that harbor gentle people. Homes that are allowed to run to ruin are owned by people who are careless and often shiftless in their personal habits.

It is not hard to beautify your home. It does not require a lot of money or valuable labor. "I remember seeing a little dooryard in St. Louis once in which a few seeds had been planted," says a writer in Farmers' Guide. "Possibly the place was not more than ten feet square, but there was such an abundance of flowers and grass on that little dooryard that it gladdened thousands of passers-by every day. That little place was tended by a crippled girl. And it reflected more than anything else the spirit of genpredominating characteristic. Money alone will never make a home beauti-

Many farmers plant fruit trees about the house, but shade trees would be better for the front yard.

A shade tree to be satisfactory must be tall, thick and cover a large space. Unless it is pruned high the grass will the fruit within reach at harvest time. If it grows tall and thick there will be very little fruit and it will be of poor quality. An open top or crown is necessary for the production of good fruit, and with this condition the shade is not good.

HOW TO PLACE BAY WINDOW

This Dwelling Ornament Must Be Put Properly or It Will Mar Looks of Your Residence.

Bay windows may add greatly to the attractiveness of a house, or they mny grently mar it. They should be Judiciously used and carefully proportloned.

An attractively detailed bay becomes an important feature in the ex-Ten minutes passed and then there \$10 ones, too, but the disappearance | terior design; therefore the interior as-

> Single-story bays are more easily were taciting them up for trade pur- handled than are those of two stories, and may be either square or three-"Having found the cause, it was not sided. If extending to the sill line difficult for the officials to effect a only, they require no foundation, which cure. They did it by 'peppering' the is quite an Item in the expense, and \$20 coins with iridium. Now iridium, for small houses they are extremely

A clever architect can often accom

Are You a Croaker?

A croaker sat on the grumbler's bench and croaked that the town was while the wind blew cold, when the winter time had come, he cronked his ly home. But when he reached the er's fate he went, unmourned by man, unwept, unsung-none cared a bloomin' cent.-Anon.

Fire Hydrants Protected.

An ordinance passed by the authorithat no vehicle shall be allowed to stand within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. That innocent persons may not disregard the restriction unwittingly, the fire chief has had both the hydrant and the adjoining curb painted red. On this red strip indicating the forbidden area appear the words, "Keer tway" in large white letters,